GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:26
ANSWERED ON:17.11.2016
International Solar Alliance
Raju Shri Gokaraju Ganga

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which solar energy is tapped and put to use in the country;

(b) the status of setting up of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the progress made so far in achieving goals set under the alliance?

(c) whether ISA faces challenge from US as the latter desire the alliance to function as an informal arrangement and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Govt. thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 26 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.11.2016

(a), (b), (c) &(d): As on 31st October, 2016, Solar Energy Projects with an aggregate capacity of over 8727.62 MW has been installed in the country.
The International Solar Alliance (ISA) was launched on 30th November, 2015 at Paris, France on the side-lines of 21st Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Paris Declaration on ISA is given at Annexure.
On 25th January, 2016, the Foundation Stone for the proposed Headquarters of the ISA was laid at Gurgaon, Haryana (India) and its interim Secretariat was inaugurated. The International Steering Committee (ISC) of the ISA has held four meetings so far. The Framework Agreement of ISA has been finalized after discussions with various stakeholders. It was presented in the fourth meeting of the ISC of ISA. The Framework Agreement of ISA has been signed by 20 member countries including India, France, Brazil and others on 15th November, 2016 at Marrakech, Morocco on the side-lines of COP-22.
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